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## 500 Drug Stores

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## 300 IN LINE ON LAST DAY BEFORE TAX PENALTIES

Collections More Than \$4,000,000  
Short of Figures for  
Same Time Last Year.

### MANY PAYING BY MAIL

Estimate Is That There Will Be  
12,000 Delinquents; Saloon  
Decrease Likely.

More than 300 taxpayers, anxious to escape penalties for failure to pay their taxes to the city before the expiration of the year, were waiting in the city hall this morning for Collector Koehn's office to open. They formed in line, and at 9 o'clock the first one paid his assessment to the cashier.

In addition 300 tax bills were in the mail received at the office up to 10 o'clock. Collector Koehn said he expected 200 more before the day is over. He has given notice that payments will be accepted without penalties if letters bearing them are post-marked not later than Dec. 31.

Behind Last Year's Record.  
The collector estimated that the total payments, up to yesterday, for the current year were \$4,264,664 behind those of the same date last year. This sum, however, does not include \$183,000 tendered by banks and trust companies and held up pending final settlement of the litigation to compel the city to assess stocks at 50 per cent of their face value.

The collector expects before the day is over to have augmented this year's collections by about \$4,000,000. The total expected income is \$24,000,000, of which \$13,000,000 will be on real estate and personal property.

In all 187,000 tax bills have been sent out. Of these 51,000 have not been returned and an average delinquency of 21,000 is expected. Assessor Schramm said that about 15,000 persons had failed to make returns. He had arranged to handle 300 returns today and in response to delinquency notices had dispatched messengers to fill out 18,000, leaving 10,000 to them before a notary and mail them in.

The penalty for failure to pay taxes on time is an increase of charge of one per cent of the tax. If the failure to make returns is punished by a double assessment over that of the previous year.

Saloon Tax Expected.  
Vincent J. O'Sherity, Deputy Excise Commissioner, said it was estimated that 30 few saloons would apply for licenses for the next six months than did for the last half-year period. This would mean a loss in revenue to the city and State of \$275,000 if the same condition should prevail throughout the year. A total of 275 licenses was issued last January, but there was a drop to 218 when renewals were applied for in November. The semi-annual license fee is \$50, payable in advance. O'Sherity said the saloon men explained the decline as due to a falling off in business.

### County Board to Be Asked to Look Into Rich Men's Returns.

The St. Louis County Board of Equalization, when it meets the first Monday of March, will be asked to investigate the personal tax returns of rich St. Louisans whose homes are in the county. Assessor Hackmann told a Post-Dispatch reporter today that he will prepare a list of county residents whose returns seem disproportionately large. Many of the county residents whose business is in St. Louis have made no return. Assessor Hackmann says he has discovered since he has been in office that some of these prefer to have the assessor fix an arbitrary assessment and double it each year because the arbitrary assessments are usually conservative and it takes several years for them, doubled annually, to approximate the actual taxable personal property.

Some of the wealthy residents and the returns made by them follow: AUGUST A. Busch, \$50,000; Adolphus Busch III, \$100,000; John T. Sullivan, \$10,000; Joseph Grunwald, \$100,000; William J. Lamp, \$12,000; Joseph Pulitzer Jr., \$10,000; Peyton B. Carr, \$10,000; Josephine H. Carr, \$10,000; Mrs. J. H. Carr, \$10,000; Edwin Jones, \$10,000; E. H. Simmons, \$10,000; W. C. Blinnard, \$10,000; J. J. Shoten, \$10,000; Walter D. Woodward, \$10,000; Frank C. Brand, \$10,000; John C. Roberts, \$10,000; Edward M. Flinn, \$10,000; Paul Bakewell, \$10,000; A. C. Brown, \$10,000; Hugh McCutcheon Jones, \$10,000; Carl Landenberg, \$10,000; George Randolph, \$10,000; J. Longstrech, \$10,000; D. C. Dahl, \$10,000; Samuel C. Davis, \$10,000; Davis now lives in St. Louis. His county return covers only a herd of 30 cows at \$14 a head.

Arbitrary assessments have been made as follows in the case of those who failed to make returns: Julius S. Walsh, \$10,000; Robert S. Robinson, \$10,000; O. L. Garrison, \$10,000; A. H. Feuerbach, \$10,000; Thomas H. Wallace, \$10,000; George W. Woodley, \$10,000; George W. Simmons, \$10,000; Samuel Goddard, \$10,000; George F. Rubenstein, \$10,000; William H. Donaldson, \$10,000; Louis Cella, \$10,000; Harry B. Hart, \$10,000. Assessor Hackmann has not looked up the records to see if any of the returns have failed before to send in returns and does not intend to then the motive of withholding returns in the expectation of getting a low arbitrary assessment.

## CONTINUED FAIR, RISING TEMPERATURE TOMORROW

THE TEMPERATURES.  
12 a. m. 31° 11 a. m. 31°  
Yesterday: High, 31 at 3 p. m.; low, 22 at 8 a. m.

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity: Fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday; the lowest tonight will be about 26 degrees.

### THE ARCHBISHOP QUITS ON SOON PUT 1916 ON THEIR LIST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the Weather Bureau today, are: South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair except rains on Wednesday and Thursday. Moderately cold, followed by warmer weather on Friday. West Gulf States: Generally fair; temperature near or above seasonal normal. Old Valley and Tennessee: Generally fair, except rain or snow about Wednesday. Temperatures will rise first half of week and remain moderate until week's close. Plains States and Upper and Middle Mississippi Valley: Generally fair; change to warmer weather is probable first part of week; seasonal averages thereafter.

Missouri: Fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday in north portion. Illinois—Generally fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday in north and central portion. Stage of the river, 3 below zero; no change.

### SEVEN ECLIPSES NEXT YEAR

Fear of the Sun and Three of the Moon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Four eclipses of the sun and three of the moon, the greatest number possible in a single year, will occur in 1917, according to a memorandum issued today by the naval observatory. The last year in which seven eclipses came was early in the last century and the next will be in 1937. There will be a total eclipse of the moon by the earth's shadow, visible throughout the United States beginning at 10:30 a. m. and ending at 4:30 a. m. Eastern standard time. Between 2 and 2:30 a. m. Eastern time the eclipse will be total.

### TYPEWRITERS FOR PUPILS

Chicago Professor Would Discard Use of Pens.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Typewriters instead of pens for public school children were advocated today by Prof. Franklin Bobbitt of the School of Education of the University of Chicago, in addressing the Illinois Woman's Legislative Congress. He said that public schools were only \$5 per cent efficient.

"We have passed the quill pen stage in education. We are now at the typewriter stage. If our schools were properly equipped they could do in half a day what they do in a whole day."

### SEPARATIONS DUE TO DRINK

Causes for 85 Per Cent of Cases in Chicago Domestic Court.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Separation of husband and wife in Chicago is due chiefly to drink, according to annual statistics of the Court of Domestic Relations. Out of 284 cases of separation of husband and wife disposed of by the court this year, 85 per cent were due to drink, 5 per cent to jealousy of other women, 1 per cent to interference of mothers-in-law and 1 per cent to other causes. The report also shows that husbands are driven to drink mostly by scolding wives, low wages, and unsatisfactory employment.

### In Tomorrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch

PROF. MÜNSTERBERG'S  
LAST MESSAGE ABOUT  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE—  
The psychologist believed  
we are idealistic and his last  
work was the writing of a book  
to prove it.

### CONGRESSWOMAN TELLS WHY WOMEN SHOULD HAVE A PART IN THE MAKING OF OUR LAWS—

SENATORIAL ASSEMBLY  
A GREAT SKEIN HOLE IT  
FAILED TO NEGOTIATE—  
A striking picture strikingly  
unfortunate of her sex are  
shown in the ROYAL  
VORN SECTION.

### \$5,000,000 FOR SMITH, BUT WHICH SMITH?

A remarkable story of a  
Gore's cattle baron whose  
odd will has set the greatest  
unfortunate of her sex are  
shown in the ROYAL  
VORN SECTION.

### WOMAN PRISON OFFICIAL'S WEEK AS A CONVICT—

What a prominent philan-  
thropic woman did in order  
to get first-hand data of the  
horrible conditions to which  
unfortunate of her sex are  
shown in the ROYAL  
VORN SECTION.

## NAME OF MAYOR USED IN SELLING OIL FIELD LOTS

Kiel Denies He Authorized Pro-  
moters of New Taneha, Ok.,  
to Give Him as Reference.

### ONE BUNGALOW ON SITE

Mayor Says He Invested  
Merely to Please His Friend,  
"Count" Hoffman.

The names of Mayor Kiel and Charles M. Talbert, Director of Streets and Sewers of St. Louis, are being used by O. C. Graves, promoter of the Taneha Oil Lot Development Co., to impress prospective investors in "New Taneha," Ok., which consists of 160 vacant lots and one bungalow, built for the occupancy of the sole citizen, who is a representative of the Taneha Oil Lot Development Co.

Both Mayor Kiel and Director Talbert denied emphatically to a Post-Dispatch reporter that they have given permission for the use of their names in that connection.

Persons who have gone to the office of Graves in the Syndicate Trust Building have been told that Mayor Kiel and many of "our best people" are in the enterprise and that the Mayor sent Director Talbert, who is an expert engineer, to look into the proposition and that Talbert made a glowing report of what he found. The impression created is that Mayor Kiel went in on the strength of Director Talbert's report.

Mayor Kiel expressed surprise and displeasure when informed that his name was being used to boost the proposition. The Mayor went in, he said, more to please his friend, "Count" Hoffman, tender at McTague's, than anything else.

Mayor Took a "Flier."  
"Henry Hoffman got me to go in," said the Mayor yesterday. "He had invested and thought it was a good thing and he advised me to buy. I bought a lot of the company and paid cash for it. I did not know whether the thing was good or not but I was willing to take a chance. Then Hoffman bought a block of ground outside of the company's section and asked me to take part of that and I took three or four lots and am paying for them on monthly installments. I bought just like I would buy a radio or a car."

A couple of months ago Director Talbert was going down there on business and he asked me to take a look at the property and tell me what he thought of it. He looked it over and told me there were oil wells close by and the company had bored a well and had struck gas and was boring another. He did not advise me one way or another. He simply told me what conditions he found.

"I have not authorized these people to use my name. I did not know that they were using it. I will tell them to stop using it. I don't know whether Henry is interested in the company or not but I certainly am not. When he started out you can see the oil running out of the wells."

Director Talbert was even more emphatic in repudiating the suggestion that he had investigated the proposition and had made a favorable report on it. He was shown a letter written by Graves, in which Talbert was mentioned as having visited the property.

"Yes, I visited the property," said Director Talbert. "I was going down to Oklahoma to attend a convention and the Mayor asked me to go by the property and look it over. I did so. I found the town site six or eight miles from Tulsa, and an equal distance from Sapulpa. It is on the Frisco Railroad. A highway to connect Tulsa and Sapulpa has been surveyed, which will pass the property. An electric line is projected. There is a bungalow occupied by a representative of the company. There are oil wells near by, some of which are being operated. The Taneha Company has been a well and has struck gas and is boring another well. I told the Mayor that there was a definite oil well through the country adjacent to the property and that there was 'slight probability of a corner of the belt' cutting into the Taneha property."

"I reported what I had seen, and what I had been told to the Mayor. I did not invest. The company has no right to use my name."

Information has come to the Post-Dispatch that the sale of five lots to an employee of a tobacco firm was frustrated by his employer stopping payment on checks for \$2000. The employee bought the lots when the employer was out of the city and, having no bank account, took his savings to the office of the tobacco company and turned the amount over to the cashier who was given the company's check, which he turned over to Graves. When the employer returned and learned what had been done he stopped payment on the check.

### COCKTAILS FROM NURSING BOTTLES AT "BABY PARTY"

Society in All Kinds of Children's  
Costumes at Julius Walsh  
Jr. Function.

### SOME WERE IN TATTERS

Guests Climbed Ladder and Slid  
Down Boards to Get Their  
Refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius S. Walsh Jr. gave a baby party last night at the St. Louis Country Club, that in the language of the guests was "some party." They all went dressed as children, children from every walk in life, poor little waifs, poor little rich girls, sun-bonnet babies, romper kids, sailor boys, Peter Thompson girls and every imaginable kind of a dressed-up child.

Henry K. Luckland, who was dressed as a big fat Mammie with a gray checked frock, white apron, kinky wig and bandana headkerchief, was all over the place, telling everybody how hot his stunts were.

The cocktails were served in small nursing bottles and the room was rigged up to represent a barroom, but to get into it the guests had to climb a ladder, slide down a board, and to get out they had to climb another ladder and slide down another board.

The supper room was arranged like a cafe with small tables, and during supper a negro quartet with banjos made music to amuse the "kids."

Mrs. Walsh was dressed in a long-waisted white lingerie frock with a blue sash, blue socks over flesh-colored stockings, and a big blue bow on her hair, which was curled like a child's.

Sam Fordyce and Eddie Malone wore the same kind of boy's costumes with pink ribbons instead of blue and blond wigs.

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### APPETITE BETRAYS SUSPECT

Fundament for Pigs' Feet Causes Arrest  
of Negro Alford Star.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—Fond of Pigs' Feet. Alford Star, today of T. Foster, alias Joe Clark, a negro, who the police say is wanted in McLeannville, Tenn., for killing another negro, had been consumed an extra large portion of his favorite diet, when two detectives followed him to a restaurant where he had been eating. The proprietor remarked about his voracious appetite and the detective recalled that Foster's chief peculiarity was that he asserted he could eat more pig's feet at one sitting than any negro in Tennessee. Foster's arrest followed and the detective said he was against the Illinois, pleading self-defense.

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## BERLIN DECLARES PRESIDENT SENT SECOND PEACE NOTE

Document, Which Is Regarded as Ex-  
planatory of First One, Said to  
Have Been Withheld

### LANSING UNWILLING TO DENY OR CONFIRM STORY

Policy of Silence Maintained, Despite Possibility  
of Misunderstanding—Reply of Allies to  
Teutons Expected to Go Forward Tonight

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—It has been learned that a few days ago President Wilson sent a second note, explanatory of the first, to the central Powers and the entente nations. This note has not been presented.

The reason for the withholding of the second note is said to be that the German reply, received in the interim, showed that the German Government had not been influenced by the "misconceptions" regarding the purpose and aims of President Wilson's step which an unfriendly press in both camps attributed thereto.

Representatives of various countries were present today to the foreign office in Berlin and Vienna, the Swedish Minister in Berlin and the Swedish and Danish envoys in Vienna.

### Secretary Lansing Declines to Comment on Berlin Statement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing refused to comment in any way on the report that a second explanatory note had been sent both to the central Powers and the Entente allies to correct misinterpretations of the President's note calling for peace terms.

He indicated that under the recent policy of silence adopted by President Wilson and himself in the peace negotiations he would make no statement either affirming or denying such reports. It is felt that much misunderstanding might arise in the popular mind, but it is held that the various governments addressed will be influenced only by the official information, which will be quite complete.

Secretary Lansing also refused to indicate whether he thought the Berlin report might have arisen out of the sending abroad of the American diplomatics of his two statements, submitted on the day the note was



they say, will be adequately pointed out in their lengthy reply to the central Powers, where they can speak directly and to the point, without fear of wounding a friendly neutral.

The dispatch by Spain yesterday of a strong protest to Germany against submarine activities, apparently overestimated interest among officials here yesterday. The Spanish Ambassador saw Secretary Lansing recently and the Secretary is understood to have outlined fully the attitude of the United States. The submarine issue is being kept in the background for the present, but evidence indicating that Germany probably has violated pledges given to the United States is believed to have been collected at the State Department.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Weekly Nation, in referring to President Wilson's note asking what the belligerent Powers require for the conclusion of peace, takes the view that Mr. Wilson is exercising the right and performing the duty laid upon a neutral by the Hague Convention, and says that his committal attitude has been stoutly received by the British press.

President Wilson knows enough of history and of human nature not to be discouraged by the fact that his efforts to do the belligerent a good turn has been misunderstood by one side and evaded by the other, the Nation adds.

The Nation, carefully analyzing the note, declared that it is completely devoid of offense to the entente allies, and proceeds to argue that if Germany is willing to abandon the idea of mastering Europe and will drop desires of annexations and political and take her place in the society of nations, the basis President Wilson seeks for peace has been found.

## ALLIES' REPLY TO BERLIN READY TO GO OUT TONIGHT

Blames Germany for War and Insists on Reparations and Restitutions.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—The allies' answer to the German note of Dec. 13 will be handed to Ambassador Sharp tonight, says the Petit Parisien, and published tomorrow.

It is long and sets forth again the responsibility of the central empires for the European conflagration. It insists on legitimate reparations and restitutions demanded by the entente as outlined by Premier Lloyd-George and also says that Germany, by failing to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance, any basis for four parties.

The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin Cabinet, having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties, cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as Powers respectful of signatures and must offer guarantees.

American Neutral Conference Asks Germany to State Peace Terms. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—An appeal to the German people to insist that their Government "shall make known the terms on which they are prepared to enter upon peace negotiations," was sent by the American Neutral Conference committee yesterday to Maximilian Harden of Berlin, the German publisher and editor of the Die Zukunft. It was in the form of an open letter to the people of Germany.

The minimum basis of peace negotiations, if they are to be satisfactory to the world as well as to the entente Powers, was defined by the committee as including: Readiness of the central Powers to consider "in the course of the negotiations" the possibility of averting war in the future through such a world organization to insure peace as will maintain an unnecessary. Involvement and integrity of the smaller peoples. Guarantee of the inviolable character of international treaties and compacts.

Spain's Reply to President Wilson to Be Published Tomorrow. MADRID, Dec. 9.—Spain's reply to President Wilson's note will be handed to the American Charge d'Affaires tonight, and will be made public at noon tomorrow, a Premier Romanones draw up the note in collaboration with the Cabinet yesterday.

The Spanish Government denies reports which have been made that it is proposed that the peace conference be held at Madrid.

Rika Dula Rose, Coroner for New Year's Eve, \$3.50 each. Without Lily of the Valley, \$1.50 each. Grimm & Gory.

Seven Antoinette Last Night. Seven automobiles were stolen last night. They belonged to Frank Kuhn, 360 North Grand avenue; Ignatius Hyman, 421 De Monty street; W. R. Schaefer, 412 Junata street; Westworth Stoele, 162 North Twelfth street; Horace Pritchett, 239 Pennsylvania avenue; John Picheonicki, 1015 O'Fallon street, and Arthur M. Branch, 1888 Ninth place.

## Kaiser Reviewing Troops After Verdun Assault



This is the most recent photograph of Emperor William to reach this country. He is standing in front of the group at the left and the eyes of the pair of goose-stepping officers are on him.

## INCREASED COST OF PAPER RAISES PERIODICAL PRICES

Some Magazines of National Circulation Announce Subscription Advances of 20 to 33-1/3 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Owing to the increased cost of white paper and other materials necessary to printing and paper, several magazines of national circulation announced today increases in the prices of subscription. Other periodicals have already given notice of a similar jump in prices. Several of the smaller magazines in New York have suspended publication and others are planning to merge with publications controlled by the same interests.

Publishers explain that many of them have had to renew their contracts for paper at this time and to pay nearly 50 per cent more than this item has cost them heretofore.

The rise in subscription prices announced today ranged from 20 to 33-1/3 per cent.

## NEW YORK STOCK DEALS FOR YEAR TOTAL \$1,158,209,000

New Record in Aggregate Value Set but Number of Shares Sold Has Been Exceeded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Dealings in bonds on the New York Stock Exchange during the year which closed yesterday totaled a per value of \$1,158,209,000 and set a new record. The total in 1915 was \$861,738,000.

Total dealings in stocks for 1916 were 234,678,000 shares, compared with 173,380,000 in 1915. The year's dealings in stocks have been exceeded only on three previous occasions, in 1901, 1905 and 1908. The record was set in 1908 with 234,055,469 shares.

There were 18 days during the year in which stock exchange trading exceeded 2,000,000 shares and on Dec. 21 transactions reached the high water mark of more than 8,000,000 shares.

Our New Year's Special Contains twenty Carnations; \$1. Grimm & Gory.

## TORREON TAKEN WHEN GENERAL WAS HAVING SOCIABLE DRINK

Villa Men Skipped Into City, Reached It and Killed Herrera and His Staff in Cafe.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—Villa troops, although expected to attack Torreón by surprise Dec. 21. By false dispatches to the railway office in Torreón the rebels are said to have made the Carranza garrison believe a train entering the city bore reinforcements from Gen. Murquiza. But, instead, it carried Villa troops, who quietly disembarked then rushed the town while the garrison retired.

Gen. Luis Herrera was having a sociable drink in a cafe with several members of staff when the place was rushed by a squad of rebels. Gen. Herrera and his companions were killed.

No Omaha Papers New Year's Day. OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 9.—Omaha daily papers will print no editions Monday, Jan. 1. Publication was omitted by all morning and afternoon papers. Christmas day. Conservation of the paper supply is given as the object.

## A Strong Friday Lineup

Yesterday (Friday), for the second time this week, the POST-DISPATCH exceeded 3 out of all 4 of the other St. Louis newspapers combined by 1 column in volume of St. Louis store news carried!

The count Friday: Post-Dispatch alone... 81 Cols. 3 out of all 4 of the other papers added together... 80.

Don't waste time deciding where to advertise—the POST-DISPATCH always points the way to prosperity.

The compelling argument is: CIRCULATION! Average list, 11 months, 1916: Sunday only, 397,052 Daily average, 205,068.

## DISCUSSES ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE BIBLE

Speaker of Philological Convention Says Much Work Remains to Be Done.

Bible scholars still have a great deal of work ahead of them in determining the original text of the Bible, according to Prof. Henry A. Sanders of the University of Michigan, who read a paper before the American Philological Association, which concluded its sessions last night at a joint meeting with the Archaeological Institute of America in the City Art Museum. All business of the gatherings, which have been in session here since Wednesday, will be finished today at a meeting of the council of the Archaeological Institute in the Buckingham Hotel.

Prof. Sanders has done much work in translating ancient literature, and has completed work of translating the text of what is known as the Papyrus fragment, a manuscript in the art collection of Charles L. Freer of Detroit. This manuscript, dug up near the pyramids in Egypt, contains all the New Testament except the gospel. From marks made upon it Prof. Sanders says it has been determined that it belonged to a monk named Timothy, who lived in a monastery near the third pyramid.

Evidence on the fragment indicates that it was written early in the fourth century and, apparently, was a translation of earlier works still undiscovered. Prof. Sanders' work shows it contains much that corresponds with the text of a manuscript held in the Vatican library in Rome.

Revisions of the Bible by Westcott and Hart, which are based on agreement with the Vatican manuscript, and that of Sir. Sinai, which is regarded by many as the nearest document to the original writings of Scripture, while revisions under the regime of King James in 1611 are also regarded by many as being excellent translations and more nearly the text of what the original writings were.

Prof. Sanders holds that 90 per cent of Bibles contain the St. James text, which is the same as the text made at Antioch in the Fourth Century. In some cases the new fragment differs materially from the Vatican text and in these differences agrees with the St. James text. These differences indicate, says Prof. Sanders, that the ultimate in correctness has not been reached yet; that it will be necessary to study further early translations and other manuscripts to arrive at what was the original text.

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## NAME OF MAYOR USED IN SELLING OIL FIELD LOTS

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Graves says that when this investor's employer interfered the check was promptly returned and the transaction cancelled. "We don't want anybody to take our name who don't want them," he said. "We have calls for more lots than we can supply."

Graves says he has sold 1000 lots at an average of \$15 for a "frontage" of 30 feet. He says he has no more lots to sell right now, but he is preparing to plat an additional 30 acres to meet the demand for lots on the part of persons who have confidence that New Tanahua is going to be a real city with houses and streets and who want a chance to participate in any oil strike that the company may make. Each purchaser of a lot acquires a contingent interest in any profits that may accrue from oil wells that may be bored by the company, which obligates itself to bore at least one well on each section that has been platted. The present price of the lots is \$15.

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Emil Bosch, 18 years old, of 2808 Indiana avenue today made a written confession to the police that he had been robbing the Carleton Bros. Dry Goods Co. for a year. He worked there as an elevator conductor. Bosch was the companion of Harry Merkle, 18 years old, of 2010 Arsenal street when Merkle was shot and killed by Patrolman Frank Sipp after the boy had fled from the policeman at Thirteenth and Chestnut streets, at 5:30 a. m. Christmas day.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide and held Sipp responsible for Merkle's death.

Since the shooting Patrolman Reeder, who walks the beat around the Bosch home had heard gossip which led him to believe that Bosch had been selling stolen goods. He went to Bosch's home at 10:30 p. m. yesterday and aroused Bosch from sleep and questioned him. Bosch in the presence of his mother admitted he had been stealing from his employers. He was arrested and today he made his confession at Police Headquarters.

Bosch said he had worked for the Carleton company two years and began stealing about a year ago. He told of selling three dozen pairs of silk socks and a dozen neckties to Ben Elder, cook in a restaurant at Jefferson avenue and Chestnut street, and three silk waistcoats, eight pairs of gloves and a piece of crocheted lace to Louis Ploeger, of 3150 Iowa avenue.

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American Pilot in Native of New Haven—In French Service More Than a Year.

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British Announces Mackenzie's Drive Is Continuing Between the Danube and Moldavian Heights.

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## DRASTIC STEPS TO PUSH NAVAL WORK

Daniels Asks for Law to Compel Ship Builders to Complete U. S. Orders First.

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G. O. P. LEADERS AT DINNER

Plans for Legislative Inquiry Talked Over at Gathering in Kansas City.

Special in the Post-Dispatch. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—By unanimous vote last night a mass meeting of 250 Republicans put themselves squarely behind the State Sub-Committee on Election Frauds in whatever action may be taken to bring about a complete disclosure of alleged crookedness in the last election.

Judge Henry Lamm, defeated Republican candidate for Governor, will consent to the use of his name in a contest of the election of Frederick D. Gardner as Governor, if such a course is taken.

Henry M. Beardley, former Mayor of Kansas City, was made chairman of a committee of eleven, to co-operate with the sub-committee, raise funds and assist in such prosecutions as may arise out of the investigations.

Have Expensive Plan. Jephth D. Howe, chairman of the State Committee, announced that the inquiry would be extended to the manner in which the prohibition amendment was defeated.

Later a resolution was adopted asking the Legislature to investigate the vote on the amendment.

The meeting was held in conjunction with a dinner at the Hotel Hamilton, attended by many local and State Republican leaders. Some of those who spoke in favor of a contest and vigorous prosecution of fraud, were Beardley, Mayor Edwards of Kansas City, Mayor Henry W. Kiel of St. Louis, Judge Lamm, Walter S. Dickey, defeated candidate for Senator; John Schmoll of St. Louis, Emil Dorn and W. H. Platt, well known local Republicans.

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## STATE UNIVERSITY ASKS FOR THIRTEEN NEW BUILDINGS

Curator's Report Requests \$1,570,862 for Current Expenses for Next Two Years.

ITEMS IN THE BUDGET

College of Agriculture Alone Asks for an Appropriation of \$376,862.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch. COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 30.—Total appropriation of \$1,570,862 for current needs of the Missouri State University during the next two years, and the construction of 13 new buildings, are requested in the biennial report of the Board of Curators to the Forty-ninth General Assembly, which is being compiled by C. B. Rollins, acting president of the board.

It is known that the board does not expect to get the full amount it is asking for, but the report and statement is complete with reasons why the money is needed.

Of the total amount, \$35,000 is requested for maintenance, but the Legislature is told that fully \$1,000,000 is needed to carry on the work at a standard up to other State universities. This item includes salaries of the teaching and administrative forces, coal, gas and water used in heating and lighting, and other ordinary expenses.

The remainder of the amount is for special purposes of the university activities.

The New Buildings Needed. No estimate is made as to the probable cost of the new buildings requested, which include a Women's Gymnasium, Mechanical (Hall), Home Economics Building, Educational Building, addition to the Agricultural Building, Power House, Hospital, Chemistry Building, Greenhouses, Journalism Building, Auditorium, Armory and Observatory.

Persons familiar with the financial condition of the State are of the opinion that there will be no appropriations this year for new buildings, although the needs are realized. Many of the buildings which it is sought to replace with new, modern and larger structures to accommodate the constantly growing student body, are old, in bad condition and need repair.

For special purposes the Board of Curators is asking for the following amounts: Summer schools, \$25,000.

To extend the free hospital to students at the Parker Memorial Hospital, \$15,000.

General library, \$25,000. Scientific laboratories, \$25,000. To aid students by providing employment, \$25,000.

University publications, \$10,000. Sidewalks on west campus, \$5,000. Repairs on old buildings, \$20,000. Special repairs and equipment for chemistry department, \$30,000.

Finishing basement and furnishing building, \$10,000. Contingent fund, \$25,000. College of Arts and Sciences, \$10,000.

School of Agriculture—Short winter courses, \$25,000; agricultural laboratories, \$10,000; agricultural library, \$3,000; agricultural engineering, \$2,000; animal husbandry, \$15,000; dairy husbandry, \$5,000; entomology, \$1,000; farm crops, \$1,000; horticulture, \$2,000; poultry husbandry, \$2,000; soils, \$1,000; rent on farm lands, \$3,000; improvements on farm grounds and camp, \$10,000; improvement on fruit farm, \$2,000; pure bred livestock, \$2,000; cattle barn for beef cattle, \$15,000; completion of judging pavilion, \$20,000; heating plant for farm buildings, \$25,000; repairs and improvements on barns and sheds, \$2,000; rural organization and marketing, \$2,000. Total, \$276,862.

School of Engineering—Engineering equipment, \$15,000; engineering experiment station, \$10,000; engineering library, \$2,000. Total, \$27,000.

School of Medicine—Equipment and incidentals, \$10,000; medical library, \$2,000; public health work, \$2,000; total, \$14,000.

School of Law, \$10,000. School of Education—Rent and incidentals, \$10,000; extension of manual training building, \$20,000; total, \$30,000.

School of Journalism, \$10,000. School of Commerce and Public Administration, \$20,000.

Graduate School, including scholarships and fellowships, \$10,000. Extension division, \$4,000.

Missouri State Military School, \$12,000.

Woolf Clothing Co. Gives \$5000 Bazaar to Employees. A bonus of \$500 was distributed among employees of the J. S. Woolf Clothing Co., at a banquet given by J. S. Woolf, president, at the Missouri Athletic Association, Friday night.

Walter V. Wolff, vice president, presided at the banquet. In his remarks he said that 1916 had been the most successful year of business in the history of the company. Interesting talks were given by department heads and policies adopted for the coming year.

Prater's Bare Legues. CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Gambling and the use of force by negroes were barred in all houses of the Lambda Sigma Psi, a college fraternity, by a resolution of the annual convocation here.

## "Missing Link" Walked Like Man, in B. C. 500,000, Woman Scientist Says

Mme. Selenka Declares Traces of Pithecanthropus, Monkey-Man Found in Java, Show He Was in Advance of the Apes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The "missing link" walked on his feet like a man, except that his knees were slightly bent. He had attained considerable skill in the use of his hands.

He had hair on his back, but little or none on the front part of his body. He had a sloping skull, full heavy jaws, excellent teeth, protuberant nose and pointed ears.

These highly interesting data were supplied to me by Mme. Lenore Selenka of Munich, the distinguished woman scientist, who knows all that is known of the most fascinating mystery of science—pithecanthropus, monkey-man or man-monkey.

In 1907 Mme. Selenka went to Java and spent two years excavating for bones of the pithecanthropus, which every good Darwinian believes was hairy half monkey between him and the ape. The most authentic fragments of the "missing link" were found in Java by scientists 20 years ago.

Found Extremely Ancient Bones. "There was a thigh bone," Mme. Selenka told me, "and some fine teeth and most of the skull. Some have said he lived 500,000 years ago, but it was much further back."

"What did you find?" I asked eagerly. "Among other things I found the bones of an old woman," Mme. Selenka replied promptly. "I cannot prove that she lived in the days of pithecanthropus, but she was extremely interesting and certainly prehistoric."

"Perhaps Pithecanthropus knew the use of fire, although it is certain that he did not cook his food. There is a theory, you know, that monkeys turned into men through a liking for animal food. Not being able to obtain it in the trees, the nuts and fruits of which had contented their ancestors, the carnivorous monkeys took to spending more time on the ground, and thus learned to walk upright and use their front feet as hands. But I consider that theory absurd. It should apply equally to lions, yet they have never turned into men."

And then Mme. Selenka explained that in her opinion the Pithecanthropus and the anthropoid apes—notably the Orang—are collateral rather than direct ancestors of ours. Not our grandfathers, in short, though we're all on the same family tree.

"The stock branches further back, even, than the ape," she summed up cryptically. "I asked her if anything were known about the moral or social life of the 'missing link.' 'It may be presumed that he was a good family man,' she told me with a twinkle. 'For the Orang, who is lower in the scale, is a loyal, if somewhat unattractive, husband to one mate and a devoted father of his children. There is no reason to think that the Pithecanthropus practiced polygamy.'"

"Have you come to New York to find missing links?" I inquired flippantly. "I can show you ever so many." "I trust there was no hidden satire in Mme. Selenka's demure reply."

"I can only stay here a day or two," she said, "for I am going to Tenerife to study the psychology of anthropoid apes—they are so interesting."

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Two highwaymen in an automobile, posing as members of the police gun squad, held up five men and a boy last night. The men held up were led to believe that they were being searched for weapons.

Gerard B. Farver, 335 Minerva avenue, was stopped in front of 21st and Russell avenues and robbed of \$120. The holdup was witnessed by a daughter of Mrs. Harry L. Matthews, 624 Russell avenue, who was helping attract policemen, but the robbers got away.

Jacob E. Patton of 800 Plateau avenue was accosted by the robbers at McCausland and Nashville avenues. When they found that he had only 20 cents they returned the change, telling Patton that he was too poor to be robbed.

Walter Robinson, 647 Berlin avenue, encountered the robbers in front of 21st Berlin. They took \$1.14, a watch and a booklet containing a baby's picture from him.

Samuel Lederer of 618 Kingsbury boulevard, telephoned the police at 11 p. m. that he had seen two men step from an automobile in front of his home and rob two pedestrians after which they motored west on Kingsbury.

Charles Eryer, 15 years old, of 1515 Van Yonk avenue was stopped by the robbers at Clemens and Clark avenues. They took \$1.15 from him.

Oliver Cook, a driver for the American Express Company, was held up on the Twenty-first street viaduct by two negroes and robbed of \$4.50.

Edward Matter, Jr., 29 years old, of 225 South Compton avenue was robbed of \$2.00 by a negro on Miami street between Indiana and Jefferson avenues.

Lemuel G. Carthy, of Yorkum, Tex., told the police that he was held up "somewhere" in St. Louis, he could not describe the location, by two men with whom he had been "seeing the sights." They took his purse containing \$11, he said.

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## VOTE INQUIRY REPORT CRITICISES JUDGE MILLER

Grand Jury Says Premature Discharge of 90 Negroes Retarded Work of Panel.

TWO VOTERS INDICTED

Charges Against Three Democratic Challengers at Polls Are Dropped.

In a partial report made today by Judge Kimmel by the December Grand Jury, which has been engaged since the first of the month in investigating alleged election frauds, the assertion is made that the body's efforts towards learning the facts were "handicapped and retarded by the action of Judge Miller of the Court of Criminal Correction, in prematurely discharging 90 negroes arrested on election day."

"About these defendants," the report continues, "seem to involve most of the charges and countercharges made by both political parties."

The report is charged with attempting to vote despite their having been convicted of crime, were released on \$500 common law bond, such by Judge Miller, without the formality of their being arraigned at the bench. Most of them were herded in an empty courtroom and did not even enter Judge Miller's court.

The Circuit Attorney's office had vainly requested a continuance of a week.

The Grand Jury reported indictments against Raymond Green and Frank L. Edge, negroes, charged with fraudulent registration, and dismissed three cases in which Democratic challengers were accused of intimidating voters at the polls, holding that the evidence was not sufficient for indictment.

Most of January will be devoted by the Grand Jury to alleged election frauds, and it was stated that a final report would be made on Feb. 1. The partial report was made at this time because of the impending change of administration in the Circuit Attorney's office.

Circuit Attorney Harvey and his assistant, William Baer, who has had charge of the Grand Jury, will retire on Jan. 1. The Grand Jury declared that its investigation had been "fair, impartial and as expeditious as possible." The report was signed by Benjamin W. Daisell, the foreman.

Our New Year's Special Contains twenty Caricatures; \$1. Grimm & Gorley.

## PLANS FOR BENEFIT DISTRICTS

Dances Has Taxation Scheme to Changing Street Grades. Establishment of benefit districts in which property shall be taxed for the cost of changing street grades, including damages to abutting land, will be recommended by City Counselor Daus as a means of saving the city from the payment of heavy claims in such cases.

About \$200,000 has been paid by the city as damages to abutting property since the elevation of the streets at Tower Grove, and suits for about \$1,000,000 in claims against the city are now pending.

President Kinsey of the Board of Public Service says that if Daus recommends the plan in a formal way it will be adopted.

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## PIERCE OIL CO. AND BANK IN SUIT AND COUNTERSUIT

Action by Commerce for \$200,000 Followed by One of Corporation for \$1,650,000.

\$50,000 IS FOR DAMAGES

Financial Institution Holds Stock as Collateral That Company Ignores Upon Having Returned.

After an exchange of notes, parties, peace proposals, statements of terms and rejection of overtures, the National Bank of Commerce and the Pierce Oil Corporation unmasked their batteries and opened hostilities almost simultaneously yesterday afternoon and started another of the many legal battles which have resulted from the strained relations between the bank and Henry Clay Pierce, millionaire oil magnate.

The bank filed a suit in the Circuit Court against the Pierce Oil Corporation for \$200,000 on a promissory note. This was the first gun. It was promptly answered by the corporation filing in the same court a countersuit for \$1,650,000 collateral and \$50,000 damages.

**Short-Time Note.** The note on which the bank sued the corporation was dated June 16 last and payable Oct. 16 at 8 per cent interest. The collateral security for the loan was 900 shares of Pierce Oil Corporation stock with a par value of \$50,000.

It is not denied by officials of the bank that the corporation has tendered payment of the loan on condition that the bank surrender the collateral security. The bank has refused to do this on the ground that the stock pledged as collateral is the property of Henry Clay Pierce who is heavily indebted to the bank which claims the right to hold this stock as security for Pierce's debt, although it was pledged as security for a loan to the corporation, of which Pierce is chairman.

The corporation in its Federal suit holds that the bank has no right to retain the collateral, and it seeks to recover the value of the stock on a basis of \$200 a share, twice its par value. It alleges also that the bank's refusal to accept payment of the loan and to surrender the security has damaged the corporation to the extent of \$50,000.

George Lockett Edwards, counsel for the National Bank of Commerce, yesterday afternoon showed a Post-Dispatch reporter correspondence which had passed between John G. Lonsdale, president of the bank, and officials of the Pierce Oil Co., including Clay Arthur Pierce, its president.

**Priest Made Loan Overtures.** In Lonsdale's letter it is asserted that overtures for the loan were made by Judge Henry S. Priest as counsel for the Pierce interests and that as an inducement for the loan Judge Priest told the bank the stock to be pledged as collateral was the property of Henry Clay Pierce and that, if accepted as security for the corporation loan, it also would serve as additional collateral for money owed to the bank by Pierce. The bank alleges this representation induced it to make the loan.

The par value of the stock taken as collateral was \$50,000, which was great in excess of the amount which Pierce owed the bank at that time, but on July 13, less than a month after the loan was made, the bank in Judge Kinsey's court obtained a judgment for \$750,000 in litigation growing out of a controversy over the ownership of stock.

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## SIXTH SYMPHONY PROGRAM IS OF HISTORICAL TURN

Development of Orchestra in Last 200 Years Portrayed in Selections Rendered—De Gorza Is Pleasing as a Soloist

**By RICHARD L. STOKES.** DIRECTOR ZACH'S sixth symphony program of the season, given yesterday afternoon at the Odeon and to be repeated there tonight, may be regarded in some sort as an illustrated and fascinating lecture upon the historical development of the orchestra in the last 200 years. In the opening number, the overture to Gluck's "Iphigenia in Aulis," there was astonishingly revealed what effects a master could obtain with the slender instrumental resources of the eighteenth century, when only the string band had attained its present perfection, and when most of the brass instruments of today and our elaborate percussional battery had not yet found their way into the orchestra.

In the succeeding masterpiece of Brahms, the Second Symphony, in D Major, was exhibited a composer of genius commanding all the riches of the modern orchestra, but using them, according to the classicist traditions in which he was absorbed, with restraint, as a means to an end—the end being the expression of his thought and feeling. Finally, in the "Capriccio Espagnol," by Rimsky-Korsakov, one of the most audacious manipulators of the orchestra even among Russian composers, the instruments became an end in themselves, and their possibilities in bizarre combinations, in odd and picturesque coloring, were exploited with extravagance to make interesting and attractive ideas which one must confess to be rather shallow.

In keeping with the instrumental program was the vocal one, provided by Emilio de Gorza, the celebrated baritone. He followed the overture to "Iphigenia in Aulis," with the recitative and aria from the same opera, "Diane Implacable," and after the Brahms symphony sang the aria, "O Promise of Joy Divine," from Massenet's "Le Roi de Lahore." As a balance to the Rimsky-Korsakov caprice he offered, for an encore, "Mephistopheles' Serenade from Berlioz' "Damnation of Faust."

In the Nashville Terminal. This judgment has not yet been satisfied. Shortly after the \$700,000 judgment was obtained the Pierce Oil Corporation notified the bank it was ready to pay the \$200,000 loan, although it still had about two months to run.

**Refused to Return Collateral.** President Lonsdale of the bank wrote to the corporation saying the bank was willing to accept payment of the loan, but must return to the bank the stock pledged as security, as it was the property of Henry Clay Pierce and therefore could legally be held as security for his indebtedness. The reply was a letter from Charles W. Cahoon, vice-president of the corporation, in which he said the corporation stood willing to pay the loan on surrender of the collateral, but would not enter in any controversy with the bank as to the ownership of the stock.

Lonsdale again wrote to the corporation telling of the inducement held out to the bank when negotiating the loan and offering to accept payment and waive interest on the loan from that date to the time of maturity, but still refusing to turn back the collateral. This time the reply came from Clay Arthur Pierce, president of the corporation.

Pierce renewed the proposition to pay the loan, but insisted on the surrender of the collateral, which, he said, had been pledged by the corporation and not by his father, Henry Clay Pierce. The bank then notified the corporation that unless its conditions were accepted it would file suit. A final tender of payment of the loan was made and rejected and the suit was filed and was quickly followed by the corporation's Federal action.

**Pierce Must Put Up \$500,000 Bond for His Appeal.**

The appeal bond in the case of the National Bank of Commerce against Henry Clay Pierce, in which the bank got a judgment for \$700,000 against Pierce, was fixed at \$500,000 yesterday by Judge Kinsey. Pierce must furnish the bond or the bank can obtain an execution on the judgment notwithstanding his appeal. The case grew out of a controversy as to whether Pierce or the bank was entitled to the entire issue of capital stock of the Nashville Terminal Co.

**Royal Arcanum, Attention!** All policy holders over the age of 65 years, willing to join in compelling equitable treatment in the matter of PRESENT and FUTURE assessments, are requested to communicate with the undersigned, the earlier, the better. C. K. REIFENBERGER, 804 Pine, upstairs.

Want you kindly complete your Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival list and send it to the Post-Dispatch?

Quit Missouri U. to Go to China. COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 29.—J. B. Powell, instructor in advertising in the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, has resigned, it was learned today, to become financial editor and business manager of an American trade journal at Shanghai, China.

Beve With Cottage Cheese.

10,000 Rabbits Killed in Roadmap. AMARILLO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Roadmap reports from the jack rabbit drive, held in the Texas panhandle country, in a united effort to reduce the cost of meat, indicate that not less than 10,000 rabbits have been killed.

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## M'ADOO PUTS DEFICIT AT ABOUT \$185,000,000

Congressman Fitzgerald Thinks It Will Be \$300,000,000—Bonds to Be Issued.

**By Wire From the Washington Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.** WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo are considering ways and means to meet the treasury deficit which will come at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1917. The President has tentatively agreed to issue bonds to secure a portion of the promised deficit.

There is a wide difference between the figures of Secretary McAdoo and Chairman Fitzgerald of the House Committee on Appropriations, as to what the deficit will be. McAdoo, in his annual report, predicted that the deficit would be, June 30, 1917, \$185,000,000. Fitzgerald declared that the deficit would be nearer \$300,000,000.

The President has stated that he believes bonds should be issued only to meet temporary and emergency expenditures. It is urged by McAdoo and members of Congress that the very conditions that the President describes have been caused by the Mexican situation. Previous acts of Congress have authorized the treasury to issue Panama bonds, about \$240,000,000 of which are available. The interest on these bonds will be 3 per cent. Secretary McAdoo has a plan by which some of the needed revenue can be raised. He would put a tax on foods in storage. Such a tax, it is argued, could be levied in such a way that it would not be burdensome or increasing the cost of living. It would reduce prices on leading food products by forcing them out of warehouses. It is the purpose of those favorable to this plan to base a graduated tax on the length of time food products have been stored in warehouses.

The outstanding interest-bearing debt of the United States on June 30 last amounted to \$771,565,000. Excluding postal savings bonds, one-year treasury notes and conversion bonds, this is made up of \$113,480,900 4 per cents, \$63,945,460 3 per cents (due in 1918), \$320,552,550 2 per cents (due in 1920), \$34,321,880 Panama bonds bearing 3 per cent and \$50,000,000 Panama 5 per cents, similar to those to be issued.

It is believed that Secretary McAdoo wishes to forestall any action in the House to bring out a revenue bill providing for a tax on excess profits and an increase on incomes and estates.

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20 Hurt in Chicago Car Collision. CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Twenty persons were injured, several of them seriously, when two street cars collided on the South Side here last night.

## WOMAN LAWYER TO BE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AID

Miss Jeanette Bates Announced as Assistant to E. J. Brundage of Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Edward J. Brundage, Illinois Attorney-General-elect, has announced that one of his assistants will be Miss Jeanette Bates. Miss Jane Addams and others interested in the enforcement of the factory inspection law are said to have recommended Miss Bates. It is said she will be the second woman in the United States to hold such an office.

Miss Bates, who is village attorney of Ardmore, is a member of the firm of Bates & Thompson, Alice H. Thompson being her law partner. She was born on a farm in Cedar County, Mo., and passed her childhood on a ranch in South Dakota. She is a graduate of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Normal School, the University of Chicago and the Northwestern University Law School. She taught school in the Hyde Park High School and was admitted to the bar in 1908. Her home

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## SAW LARGE SHIP BURNING OFF THE DELAWARE CAPES

Captain of Vessel Reaching New York Thinks It May Have Been French or British Cruiser.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The blowing up and burning of what is believed to have been a large war ship was seen last Monday night from the deck of the Nevers of the Mallory line off the Delaware Capes, according to the officers of the latter vessel, which has arrived here. Capt. Louis Emmet Congdon of the Nevers said he did not investigate the fire because "what I saw convinced me that no living being could have survived even if he had been fortunate enough to jump into the sea." He believes that the burning object was one of the French or British cruisers which have been active off the United States coast.

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IT IS BOUND TO HAPPEN, SO YOU MAY AS WELL BE PREPARED—BY GOLDBERG.

The Post-Dispatch  
Daily Short StoryA Reforming  
Life Insurance

By F. H. Sweet.

DAY O gazed out over the river. It looked cold and unpleasant. He shook his head involuntarily and shivered. If it were only midsummer and at Coney or Asbury, he could do it. He felt sure he could. But in that cold stuff! Ugh!

Of course there was poison. But that was cheap. You would be right there for people to look at and talk about. Water could be accident, but not poison. Besides, water might carry you off somewhere by yourself.

Day O turned despondently from the pier. Time was when he could have done a thing like that, say when he sprained at Yale and broke through guards.

But that was three years ago, and in three years he had saved a quarter of a million dollars. Saving a quarter of a million in three years means drawing most of the spring sap out of a man. It showed in the baggy area under Day O's eyes, in his walk, and in the lack of his right-hand man.

There seemed another way out, the easiest. He wrote to his Uncle Zeb, who could pull a quarter of a million from his sleeve without wincing. In his college days he and Uncle Zeb had been quite chummy. But the saving had drifted them apart.

He wrote under plain David, rightly thinking the monogram Day O, from his name and the late morning homecoming of his savings, would not be conducive to drawing help from Uncle Zeb.

The letter off, he went out again, finding his own company distasteful. At Walden's, the city's famous center, he met the closest of his friends, on whom he had lavished thousands. The fellow cut him dead. So quickly had the news of impetuosity gone forth.

But instead of wholly depressing the slight brought something of a snap to Day O's sudden eyes. Two more insolent stares of former boon companions brought the shoulders to an angry uprightness. But the strength was not sufficient to keep them there, and the shoulders soon sloped again.

A fourth encounter came, and this man surprised Day O by holding out his hand.

"Look sort of rotten, Day O," this one remarked affably. "Face been too hard for you. Better chuck it for a few days."

"Have you heard?" Day O asked, his face warming a bit.

"About your blowing it all in?" of course. It's common talk. But there's your uncle, you know. It won't be more than a few days down and out, so be recuperating."

The surprised warmth left Day O's face.

"Nothing doing in the uncle business," he said evenly. "We haven't spoken in two years. Can you lend me an X?"

"Why, I—I—sorry, Day O, but I happen to be broke just now. Too bad about your uncle. No, no, sorry. But you'll have to excuse me now. Engagement, you know."

Day O watched the hurried departure with a crooked smile. This fellow had known about his uncle, probably the others had not. Well, he would show them what was what. By tomorrow or the next day Uncle Zeb would arrive.

Then they would come crawling about him again, and it was well worth some humiliation to be able to pass them all by without dropping a nickel, and have them see him spending money on another crowd.

But it was three days before Uncle Zeb came. Then he listened with impatient face to David's account of his troubles—let David now. After that Uncle Zeb went out to investigate a little by himself and to arrange for something he had in mind. David waited until he returned.

"Now," said Uncle Zeb, as he dropped into a chair without removing his hat, "we'll finish this up quick. You have some debts, I find over and above."

"Some, yes."

"We'll let them stand. They'll be a sort of check against my property and the holders of them can't do anything where nothing is. Next, you've about run yourself out—ringed eyes, chafed face, short breath. But there must be some remnant of the old stock down below. I guess it'll pass you."

"What do you mean, uncle?"

"Examination. The company's doctor will be here soon—there he is now," as brisk footsteps sounded along the hall and paused at the door. "You'd better slip into your bedroom there, and get ready. He's likely to give you a pretty good overhauling."

"What for?" David began, then thought he understood. Uncle Zeb didn't like his looks, and wanted to see if he was all right in constitution. Of course a simple check-up was the proper thing. But Uncle Zeb was peculiar, and he would better humor him.

When he dressed and came out again the doctor had gone. "Said I was all right in constitution, but badly run down," he announced.

"So he told me," David said, "run down like a loaded engine under full head of steam down a mountain slide. But he passed you. Cost me four times what it ought to."

"Costs—what?"

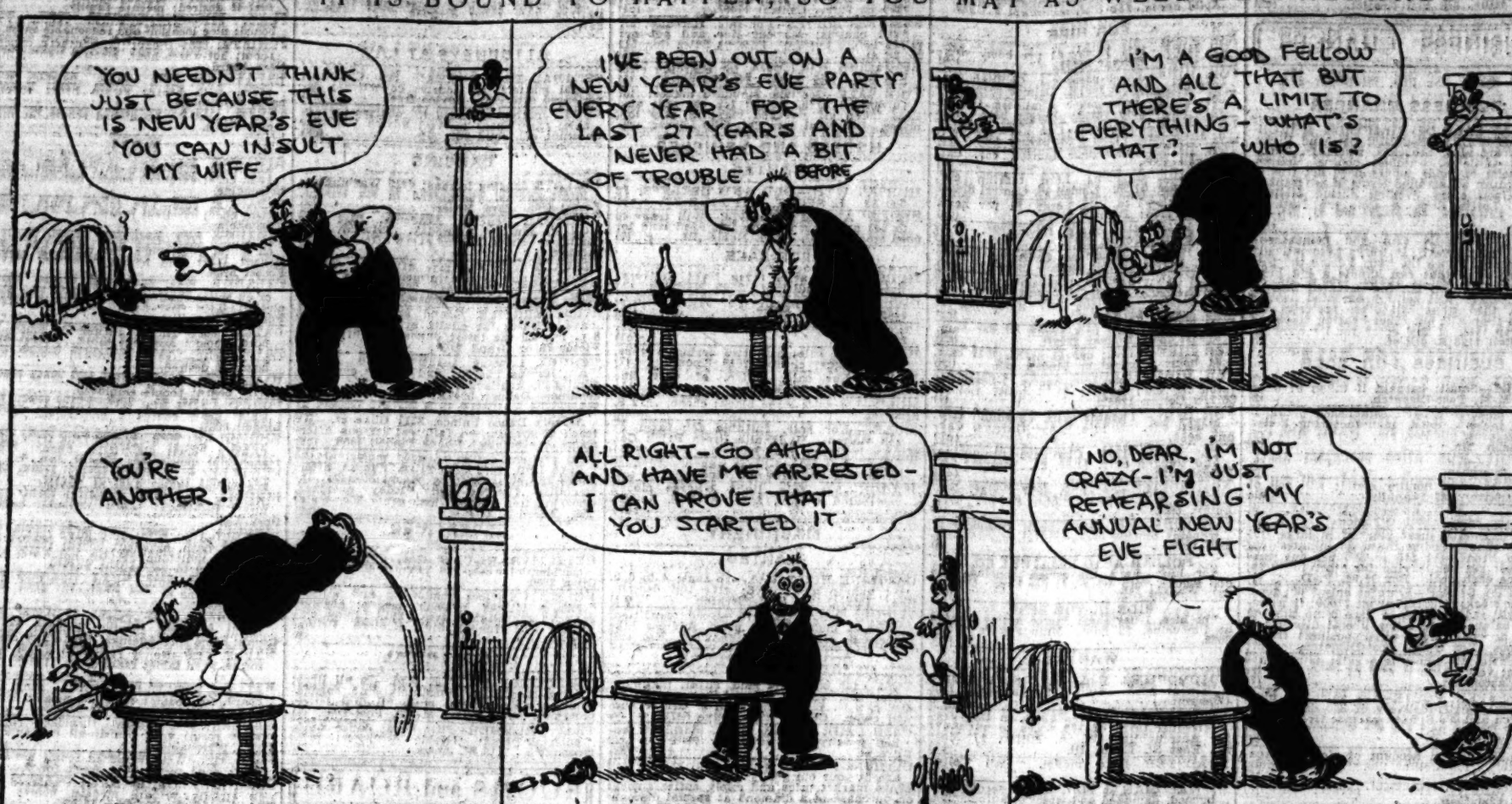
"Life insurance policy," snapped his uncle. "I'm buying you one for \$5000."

David gasped. "That won't do me any good," he started. "And I don't like you. I'm not planning to die now. And I know you don't want the money."

"Hardly," agreed his uncle, "but there are all these you've been meeting the past three years. Some even spent a good deal of money on you, too, say that. Naturally they're going to feel the loss of your money."

"Then you do yourself in by the money you lose?" David asked. "I'm having the policy made out that way."

"In favor of one of the beneficiaries,"



## Can You Beat It?

Drawn for the Post-Dispatch  
By Maurice Ketten

exploded David, wrathfully. "Which?"

"Don't make much difference which," replied his uncle. "They're all stock as close to you as brothers, and this seems a good way to remember. Friend alive, better friend dead: sort of poetic, don't you think? And as you look you won't keep anybody waiting over a year. As for any straight out money, like you hinted," pausing in the doorway and looking back, "my conscience wouldn't stand for me giving a cent. I promised your father to keep a sort of oversight of you, and I have and will. His quarter million was just about killed you. Another hundred thousand would finish up the job. I couldn't do it. David, I really couldn't. Every dollar I might give would be like so many nails in your coffin. I'll let you go without any money at all for a while and see if it won't help you to grow stronger."

The door shut and David dropped upon a chair, with a groan.

But not for long. He was too mad, mad with the impulses who had snubbed him, and under that all with Uncle Zeb, who might have dropped a quarter of a million from his sleeve without wincing. He would never write to him again. He would show the others. He would get away and start in a new place, as he had thought while the doctor was examining him. No, indeed! He would stay right here and rearrange himself in their faces, stare to stare. Yes, and he would get a job at Walden's, even if he had to work for nothing, and he would scorn them while he checked their heels or waited on them at table. Did him? Pshaw! Have his insurance policy benefit Byron Burton, who had stared straight at him without a sign of recognition. Likely.

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The Sandman Story  
For To-night

BY MR. F. A. WALKER

## THE POOR PRINCE.

ONCE upon a time there lived a poor Prince.

There was a big castle with little in it except old furniture.

The fact was the King and Queen had died suddenly and a wicked ogre had overrun the country while the Prince was too young to defend it. The ogre had carried away to his own country everything worth having, so that the people were left poor, and the young Prince with scarce enough to eat.

On the day when the Prince was to celebrate his twenty-first birthday, he heard news of a beautiful Princess who lived in another kingdom, about 100 miles away. His dinner was only cold porridge and water, but when he heard of the lovely maiden he forgot to eat and set out at once for the court in which she lived.

But when he arrived there, all tired and dusty and ragged, he found the guards would not admit him. "What, you a Prince?" they laughed. "You look more like a rascaller."

So the poor Prince was turned away from the palace gate and went sorrowfully limping down the road to sleep beneath the trees. Early the next morning he heard a great commotion and saw people running about, soldiers galloping down the road, and heard in the distance the roar of cannon.

"The great ogre from the frozen North had stolen the Princess in the night," replied a man of whom the Prince asked the news.

"The King says he will give the Princess in marriage to the one who rescues her," continued the man. "But I do not know of any one in this land who would undertake the task. We all love her, but no man is willing to risk certain death on such a useless chase."

"Why is it certain death?" asked the Prince.

"Because no one has ever been known to come back alive from the ogre's castle," replied the man.

But the Prince decided to make the journey. He was poor, but he was brave, and nothing could prevent him going. So he set out at once to find the Princess. All that day he walked through the forests. Once he stumbled over a wild cat and scrambled on its back. The animal ran for hours straight toward the Black Mountains, which was a great help, and when it dropped exhausted the Prince found he was near the hut of some kind woodchopper. These men fed him and gave him a hot supper.

The next morning he started out early, and as he began to climb the mountain an eagle swept by. The Prince grabbed the bird's foot and was carried far up over the mountain and down on the other side. The eagle alighted on the shore of the river of ice. On the bank stood a sled which had been left by a fisherman. The Prince stood upon it,

opened his coat, and with that as a sail, he flew over the top to the other side, where the huge palace of the ogre rose in stone turrets to the sky.

As he landed on the earth he looked up, and there, striding along with his head reaching the clouds, was the huge ogre. He walked into the castle and clanged the great gate behind him. Just then from an upper window in a tower the Prince caught sight of a fair, pleading face looking at him. He stopped back quickly to the bottom of the wall. A note fluttered to his feet. He picked it up and read:

"If you have come to save me, climb tonight up the vine on west side of this tower. I will let you in the window. Keep still till moonrise, by which time the ogre will be asleep, for should he see you he will be sure to cast you into the darkest dungeon beneath this castle. Farewell till moonrise."

"PRINCESS MAY."

The Prince crept to the shadow of a bush and lay waiting for the moon to sail up above the mountain. At midnight it began to stream and the Prince, with a fast beating heart, started up the shaking vine of the ogre's castle.

STEP by step the Prince climbed up, though it seemed every moment as if he would fall on the rocky pavement below. At last he clambered into the narrow, round room of the top of the tower and saw the Princess standing in the center of the floor.

"If you wish to destroy the ogre," she panted, quickly, "you must take my advice. He is very strong, and it is almost impossible to kill him, but there is one way it may be done."

"Tell me," said the Prince, "and I will do it, even if it cost my life. Nothing shall keep me from rescuing you from this wretch."

"I am not his only prisoner," continued the Princess. "The great black dungeon below this castle is full of lords whose wealth he has stolen. He has rooms full of gold and jewels with hundreds of fine steeds. If you wish to kill him, you must follow this plan: When he comes tonight to ask me if I will marry him, slip out of the door back behind his back as he comes to the center of the room. Out in the hall is an immense iron bar. Put that across the top step and he will not see it in the darkness. When he goes away he will trip and fall to the bottom of the stairs. You can then run down and with these golden scissors cut from the top of his head the long black lock of hair which grows there—if you cut this off he will never breathe again."

The Prince took the golden scissors and slipped behind the door, for already he heard the tramp, tramp, tramp of the wicked ogre coming up the long, dark steps. When the door was opened



and the ogre strode into the room the prince slipped out into the hall. There he saw a huge iron beam leaning against the wall. Pulling and tugging with all his might, he at last managed to place it just over the top step, and as he did so the door opened and the ogre came out.

The hall was dark. Only one slender ray of moonlight shone through the tiny window. The ogre started angrily down the stairs, but his knee struck the bar and he fell heavily, striking his head on the stone edge, then tumbling helplessly to the bottom, where he lay still.

Without stopping to find out whether or not the ogre was unconscious, the Prince ran quickly down, stepped over him and with a snap of the golden scissors cut off the lock of black hair at the top of his head. At once the wicked creature ceased to breathe and lay still as a rock.

The Princess came tripping lightly down the steps and laid her hand on the Prince's arm. "We are free at last," she sighed, happily. "We will now go and free the other prisoners."

So down into the deepest, darkest dungeons they went, unlocking doors and calling to the pale, shivering prisoners to come out free. And they, too, were set free. Then he went to the stables, had the coaches and all brought out and divided among prisoners and servants.

At dawn a long line of beautiful stages drew away from the old castle. First came the servants, who had been full of gold and gems. "We will take this up between us all, and then we shall leave this place forever in his hands."

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